

# DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

October 10, 2021

David C. Landsman, PE, Prof. LS CAS Engineering-DC, LLC 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 401 Washington, DC 20036

Re: 3147 P Street, NW Lot 0083, Square 1270, Georgetown Zoning Confirmation

Dear Mr. Landsman.

This letter will confirm the substance of the PDRM meeting held with my staff on August 19, 2021. As presented during the meeting, the site currently is a corner record lot improved with a single-family semi-detached dwelling, that has four stories. The subject property is in the R-20 Zone. The project proposes to retain the existing dwelling and construct a 3-story rear addition on the north side of the home.

As was discussed, I confirm the project's compliance with respect to the zoning criteria under 11 DCMR as noted below.

# **Applicable Zoning Criteria Analysis**

Criteria DCMR Reference Allow./Reg. Provided

### Nonconforming Structures (11 DCMR B-202)

It is understood that the existing house is non-conforming with regards to the rear yard setback requirements. The existing house extends more than 10-feet past the adjoining building (reference 11 DCMR D-1206.3). The house may remain and may be renovated/altered or modernized. It may also be enlarged or have an addition constructed as long as the addition or enlargement conforms to the development standards and doesn't increase or expand any existing nonconforming aspect of the structure pursuant to 11 DCMR C-202.2. I understand that the project proposes to round off the corners of the existing 2-story addition on the northwest corner of the home, and confirm that this are permittable as it does not increase the nonconforming aspect of the structure and is a modernization permitted under the code.

## **Rear Yard** 11 DCMR D-1206 20 feet >20 feet

It is understood that a portion of the existing building extends in excess of 10-feet past the adjoining structure and does not comply with 11 DCMR D-1206.3. This portion of the building will have the geometry altered (chamfered/angled walls to become curved/radius walls at corners) but that the extension past the adjacent building (plane of rear wall) will maintain existing conditions. I have reviewed and determine that this is permitted pursuant to 11 DCMR B-202 as it is not an increase or expansion of the existing nonconforming aspect of the structure, and is considered a modernization permitted under the code.

#### Side Yard 11 DCMR D-1207

A side vard is not required for a semi-detached dwelling on the side abutting the adjacent building. If provided a side yard shall be a minimum of 5 feet. I have reviewed the addition proposed and confirm that no side yard is required on the east side abutting the semi-detached building.

I have reviewed the attached Preliminary Concept Sketch and concur that the project complies with the applicable Zoning Regulations for the R-20 Zone and 11 DCMR.

Accordingly, when the building permit is filed for, I will approve the consistent with the above presented zoning criteria and compliance information. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely, Matthew Le Grant

Matthew Le Grant Zoning Administrator

Attachment - Conceptual Plans date 6/2021

Zoning Technician: Ramon Washington

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